

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 126  
4000 Arlington Boulevard  
Arlington  
Arlington County  
Virginia

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

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Location: Located in the southeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station on the northeast side of Sixth Street near C Street. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance: Constructed in 1944 as a Firehouse, Building 126 was part of the second major phase of construction initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).

Description: Building 126 is T-shape in plan. The cross bar section is a tall one story building measuring approximately 45 feet by 40 feet while the stem is a lower single-story building measuring approximately 65 feet by 25 feet. A 10-foot by 30-foot addition is located at the southwest corner while a 10-foot by 35-foot addition is located at the northeast juncture of the "T."

The building is constructed of concrete block with concrete block buttresses spaced evenly along the exterior walls. The concrete block of the northeast addition gives the impression of wide overlapped and beveled clapboards. Window openings are rectangular with a mixture of concrete and brick sills and eight-over-eight double-hung wood sash. The principal entry consists of an aluminum and glass door protected by a metal awning. The western section contains a shingled gabled roof while a lower cross gable extends over the stem of the "T." The additions have shed roofs. Some openings infilled with concrete block.

History: The continued growth and expansion of Arlington Hall Station necessitated additional fire equipment and a larger firehouse. Building 126 replaced Building 111 as the post firehouse in 1944. In 1952 the east, rear, portion of Building 126 was renovated for use as a telephone exchange. Three vehicle equipment bays originally occupied the west, front, section of the building. By 1961 only one bay remained and the rest of the building served as a bank. In 1962, \$2,700 was spent on an unspecified addition to Building 126. By 1968, the entire west section of the building functioned as a bank. The

building functioned as a bank and telephone center until it was recently vacated.

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